RESOLUTION NO.: 12-110

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HIALEAH. **PUBLIC** COUNTY MIAMI-DADE CAPITAL BOND SCHOOLS' REFERENDUM TO MODERNIZE AND SCHOOLS RENOVATE LOCAL PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO THE 21ST CENTURY SUCCEED IN GLOBAL ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will ask county voters to invest in their schools by approving the issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond for renovating facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding capacity, and enhancing facility safety; and

WHEREAS, inequity exists between the instructional experience of students attending newer schools and in outdated buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah is committed to the fundamental and abiding values of equity and opportunity for all students; and

WHEREAS, towards those ends, the City of Hialeah supports the General Obligation Bond, as approval of this voter bond referendum is essential to ensuring that all of Miami-Dade County's public school students are prepared for the evolving workforce by providing them with access to cutting-edge academic programming and modern facilities that are safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, approval by voters of this bond referendum will provide prosperity and security in our community by bringing capital from outside the county that will be invested in the Hialeah schools, and ultimately providing students with more targeted academic offerings to become better prepared for the 21st Century global economy; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the approval of the bond referendum and the issuance of the bond is critical to minimize the cost to taxpayers, since construction costs are significantly lower than at their peak, interest rates are at historical lows, and the construction bonds issued in 1988 are being paid off; and

WHEREAS, the long-term benefits of continuing the bond program in 2012 far outweigh the minimum increase in taxes by creating an estimated 9,200 jobs during the first three years of the bond and over 18,000 sustainable jobs during the life of the bonds according to a recent economic impact study; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for Miami-Dade Public Schools' capital bond referendum to renovate existing

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school facilities, update technology, build school replacements, expand capacity, and enhance facility safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida hereby pledge their support for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' capital bond referendum to modernize and renovate local schools to provide public school students with the tools necessary to succeed in the 21st Century global economy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day

_____, 2012.

Isis Garcia Martinez Council President

Attest:

Approved on the day of September, 2012.

Marbelys Rubio, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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